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CHANGE IN CROP CYCLE PATTERN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments especially the Chhattisgarh Government areeducating the farmers to change the crop cycle in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Studies have shown that conventional farming with its traditional knowledge base (specific to the region and socio-ecologies) has some advantages. Further, for improving agricultural productivity and ensuring sustainability of the natural resources, interventions in the form of improved seeds, balanced and adequate nutrition, integrated weed and pest management and efficient water management practices are introduced to make the farming more profitable. An appropriate mix of `conventional and scientific` cultivation depending upon socio-economic setting is considered rewarding. As regards Chhatttishgarh, farmers are being educated and persuaded through organizing training and workshop at various level for changing the cropping pattern in the light of agro-climatic zones, soil type, farming situation, resources available with the farmers and market availability.